REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application, of which claim 1 is independent. In this Amendment, claim 8 has been amended for clarification. Care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of new matter.

Information Disclosure Statement

It is noted that the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 22, 2005, has not been acknowledged. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to clarify the record by acknowledging receipt of the IDS and provide a copy of the PTO-1449 form appropriately initialed indicating consideration of the cited references.

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure has been objected to because it is not in a single paragraph, and parentheses is missing for reference number 23. In response, the abstract has been amended to address the issues identified by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

Claims 1-3, 5, and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kuroda et al.

The Examiner asserted that Kuroda et al. disclose an image device with a dust adhesion prevention unit identically corresponding to what is claimed. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

It is well established precedent that the factual determination of lack of novelty under 35 U.S.C. §102 requires the identical disclosure in a single reference of each element of the claimed invention, such that the identically claimed invention is placed into the possession of one having ordinary skill in the art. *See Helifix Ltd. v. Blok-Lok, Ltd.*, 208 F. 3d 1339, 54 USPQ2d 1299 (Fed. Cir. 2000); *Electro Medical Systems S.A. v. Cooper Life Sciences, Inc.*, 34 F.3d 1048, 32 USPQ2d 1017 (Fed. Cir. 1994).

Applicants submit that Kuroda et al. do not disclose a projection type video display including all the limitations recited in independent claim 1. Specifically, Kuroda et al. do not disclose, among other things, "an ion wind generator for generating air flow by... drawing ions generated by the ionization by an electrode on the other side," and "an ozone removal filter provided on a path of the air flow," as recited in independent claim 1.

The Examiner, relying upon the Japanese Patent Office's machine translation of Kuroda et al. (especially paragraphs [0011] and [0012]), asserted that "element 8 is the dust adhesion prevention or antisticking object that is electrified to the same polarity as the ionized air thus creating 'an electrode on the other side.'" (page 3, lines 1-3 of the Office Action).

Paragraph [0012] of Kuroda et al. describes that dust is positively charged by an ionizer and liquid crystal unit 8 is provided with positive charge in order to prevent adhesion of dust to liquid crystal unit 8 even though fan 6 circulates air. Accordingly, Kuroda et al. do not disclose that liquid crystal unit 8 draws ions to generate air flow. Rather, fan 6 generates air flow in Kuroda et al. In contrast, the claimed invention generates air flow by drawing ions generated by the ionization.

Furthermore, the Examiner asserts that Kuroda's filter 5 is the claimed ozone removal filter. However, there is no support for such assertion. Paragraph [0011] of Kuroda et al.

explicitly describes that filter 5 is provided to remove dust, not ozone, and there is no apparent basis to support a determination that filter 5 is capable of removing ozone.

The above-described fundamental differences between the claimed invention and Kuroda et al. undermine the factual determination that Kuroda et al. identically describe the claimed invention of claim 1 within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §102. Dependent claims 2, 3, 5, and 6 are also patentably distinguishable over Kuroda et al. at least because these claims include all the limitations recited in independent claim 1. Applicants, therefore, submit that the imposed rejection of claim 1-3, 5, and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for lack of novelty as evidenced by Kuroda et al. is not factually viable and, hence, respectfully solicit withdrawal thereof.

Claims 4, 7, and 8 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) (see pages 4-7 of the Office Action).

The rejection of claims 4, 7, and 8 is respectfully traversed. Heintz et al. and Tenney, cited in combination with Kuroda et al., do not teach a projection type video display including an ion wind generator and an ozone removal filter, as recited in independent claim 1, upon which claims 4, 7, and 8 depend. Accordingly, Heintz et al. and Tenney do not cure the deficiencies of Kuroda et al.

Applicants, therefore, respectfully solicit withdrawal of the rejection of claims 4, 7, and 8 and favorable consideration thereof.

Claims 1, 3, and 4 have provisionally been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 7 of copending Application No. 10/944,825; and claims 1 and 3 have provisionally been rejected on the

ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 and 8 of copending Application No. 11/087,736.

In response, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner hold these rejections in abeyance until allowable subject matter is obtained in either the present application or copending Application Nos. 10/944,825 and 11/087,736.

Conclusion

It should, therefore, be apparent that the imposed rejections have been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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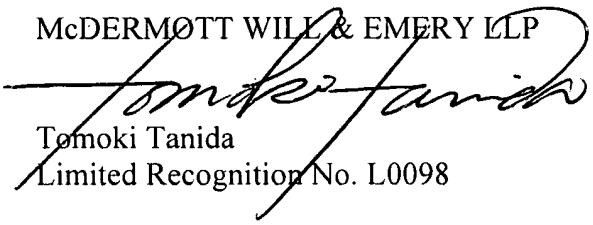

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